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Letter dated 28 August 2002 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Counter-Terrorism Committee has received the attached report from the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) (annex).

I should be grateful if you could arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Jeremy **Greenstock**
Chairman
Counter-Terrorism Committee

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Annex

Letter dated 21 August 2002 from the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations addressed to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

I wish to refer to your letter of 27 May 2002 addressed to the Secretary-General regarding the steps that the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) has taken, or proposes to take, within its mandate under Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), to combat terrorism, in light of the relevant provisions of resolution 1373 (2001).

UNMIK has introduced a comprehensive range of legislative mechanisms in relation to terrorist activities. These include Regulation No. 2000/4 on prohibiting the incitement to hatred; Regulation No. 2001/7 on regulating the possession of weapons; Regulation No. 2001/10 on prohibiting unauthorized border/boundary crossings; Regulation No. 2001/12 on prohibiting terrorism and related offences; Regulation No. 2001/22 on measures against organized crime; Regulation No. 2001/20 on the protection of injured parties and witnesses; and Regulation No. 2002/6 on covert and technical measures of surveillance and investigation.

Other legislative mechanisms are under preparation. A draft regulation on money-laundering is close to completion. A provisional criminal code and provisional criminal procedure code are in an advanced stage of preparation. All these regulations are essential both to facilitate effective counter-terrorist operations and to maintain the rule of law in Kosovo.

UNMIK has further created the Central Intelligence Unit (CIU) within the UNMIK Police, which is composed of 40 specialized intelligence officers. Closely linked to this is the Kosovo Organized Crime Bureau (KOCB), which is now building up its capacity. The KOCB will use the intelligence generated by CIU to gather evidence for prosecution.

In addition, a Sensitive Information and Operations Unit is operating within the Department of Justice. This unit provides input for the prosecution of organized crime, terrorism and cross-border insurgency. It will also support organized crime-related operations undertaken by the international security force and the UNMIK Police, process sensitive or classified information for use in prosecutions and provide expertise and support on organized crime and terrorism to the UNMIK Police, international prosecutors and judges. In order to target the funding of organized crime and terrorism, a Financial Inspection Unit is being created to fight corruption.

UNMIK recognizes that an effective counter-terrorist strategy requires a regional approach. To this end, the Head of the Pillar for Police and Justice has negotiated a memorandum of understanding on cross-border/boundary police cooperation with Serbia and is negotiating similar memorandums with Albania, Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Concurrently, efforts are ongoing to obtain a computerized border control system for Kosovo to monitor movements of persons and goods, as well as to provide tighter border and boundary controls.

UNMIK has initiated a public information campaign that runs parallel to the introduction of these initiatives. The campaign focuses on explaining the rationale and implications behind the new regulations and seeks to reduce public support for those involved in extremist activity. It has, and is, being run on a broad front, focusing on support for the rule of law and on the endorsement of the Mission's message by influential members of the community and key political actors.

(*Signed*) Jean-Marie **Guéhenno**
Under-Secretary-General for
Peacekeeping Operations